July 24, 1862.

Dear Garrison,

Pardon me for the delay
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in sending you negative. The fact
is, I have been very busy since I
came home, so that I could not
sooner
~~so~~ command time to go up
to 23d street, in business hours.
I come down in the morning too
early and go home too late to
find the man it was necessary
to see — the boss of the establish-
ment. The plate contained
4 of each impression taken of
you. The artist has divided
with you, cutting the plate in
the middle, and sending you

two of each. The two of the last you want will probably answer your purpose.

I suppose you are by this time feeling the weight of preparation for your College oration. I trust you will be favored in the selection as well as the treatment of your topic. I have not yet seen any announcement of your appointment in the papers.

Mrs. Johnson, I am happy to say, is improving. She came home with me — will go to Pennsylvania shortly. With warm love to your household,

Yours, faithfully,

Oliver Johnson.

C. J. N.Y., July 24, 1862.